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## PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ACTION

## REGION 19 (NEW ENGLAND) PUBLIC SAFETY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE TO HOLD 700 MHz REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING AND 4.9 GHz PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING MEETINGS

The Region 19 (New England)<sup>1</sup> 700 MHz Public Safety Regional Planning Committee will hold its next meetings as follows:

- Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m., at the Connecticut Fire Academy, 34
   Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, Connecticut
- Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m., at the New Hampshire Department of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire
- Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m., at the Massachusetts State Police General Headquarters, 470 Worcester Road, Framingham, Massachusetts

Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at the Putney Volunteer Fire Department, 14 Main Street, Putney, Vermont

The purpose of the meetings will be to discuss the needs of the 700 MHz and 4.9 GHz spectrum users, including Public Safety, Public Health, Emergency Management and Public Utility services.<sup>2</sup>

The Region 19 700 MHz and 4.9 GHz Public Safety Regional Planning Committee meetings are open to the public. All eligible public safety providers whose sole or principal purpose is to protect the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Region 19 area includes the following states: Connecticut (except Fairfield, Litchfield, New Haven and Middlesex counties), Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 700 MHz Regional Planning Committees (RPCs) with approved plans or plans on file with the Commission (*see* WT Docket 02-378), are required to submit amended plans consistent with the decisions outlined in the 700 MHz proceeding. *See* Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband, Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band; Development of Operational, Technical and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal, State and Local Public Safety Communications Requirements Through the Year 2010, PS Docket No. 06-229, WT Docket No. 96-86, *Second Report and Order*, 22 FCC Rcd 15289, ¶ 346 (2007). Amended plans are due by **November 23, 2007** from the following RPCs: Approved plans - Region 5 (Southern California); Region 19 (New England Area); Region 24 (Missouri); Region 22 (Minnesota); Region 12 (Idaho); Region 43 (Washington); Region 41 (Utah); Region 3 (Arizona) and Region 40 (Northern Texas). Plans on file - Region 1 (Alabama); Region 27 (Nevada); Region 45 (Wisconsin); Region 7 (Colorado); Region 9 (Florida); Region 16 (Kansas) and Region 20 (Northern Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia). *See* Regional Plan Map depicting approved and submitted plans at http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/spectrum/700mhz/regional-map.html.

safety of life, health, or property in Region 19 may utilize these frequencies. It is essential that public safety agencies in all areas of government, including state, municipality, county, and Native American Tribal, and non-governmental organizations eligible under Section 90.523 of the Commission's rules, be represented in order to ensure that each agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate, and represent their agency's needs.

All interested parties wishing to participate in planning for the use of public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz and 4.9 GHz bands within Region 19 should plan to attend. For further information, please visit the committee website at www.ner700mhz.org, or contact:

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